

Monday, August 3, 2015

At a public hearing of the City Council, in the City of Woonsocket, County of Providence, State of Rhode Island in Harris Hall on Monday, August 3, 2015 at 7:15 P.M.

All members are present.

Upon motion of Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilman Beauchamp it is

voted that the following ordinances be tabled, a roll call vote on same being 5-2 with Councilors Mancieri and Murray voting no:

15 O 37 An ordinance in amendment of the Code of Ordinances, City of Woonsocket, Appendix C entitled “Zoning” regarding Design Review Zoning is read by title.

15 O 38 An ordinance in amendment of the Code of Ordinances, City of Woonsocket.

15 O 41 An ordinance amending the comprehensive plan of the City of Woonsocket.

15 O 42 An ordinance in amendment of Code of Ordinances, Appendix C entitled “Zoning” changing the zoning designation of Assessor’s Plat 10, Lots 13, 18, 2, 28, 128, 274, 289, 291, 369 and 377

from Residential R-4 lot 47 from Residential R-3 to mixed use MU-1.

15 O 44 An ordinance in amendment of Code of Ordinances, Appendix C entitled “Zoning” regarding lot coverage definition.

15 O 48 An ordinance amending Code of Ordinances, Appendix C entitled “Zoning” to create a Woonsocket Downtown Overlay District.

15 O 49 An ordinance in amendment of Code of Ordinances, Appendix C entitled “Zoning” notification of proposed areas for redesignation.

15 O 50 An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 2 Entitled, “Administration” of the Code of Ordinances.

15 O 51 An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17 entitled “Traffic” of the Code of Ordinances, City of Woonsocket.

The regular meeting immediately follows.

All members are present.

The prayer is read by the Clerk. The Pledge of Allegiance is given by the assembly.

15 CO 55 From Councilman Moreau stating his intention to make a

motion for reconsideration of vote taken at the special meeting on Monday, July 20, 2015 regarding Rick's Bar & Grille.

Upon motion of Councilman Moreau seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted to allow Councilman Moreau to reconsider his vote.

Councilman Moreau will reconsider his vote to amend the penalty by removing \$500 fine that was assessed. This motion to amend the penalty is voted on and the vote fails to pass on a 2-2 roll call vote with Councilmen Moreau and Gendron voting yes and Councilors Mancieri and Murray voting no. Councilman Jalette recused himself from discussion and vote on this communication.

Upon motion of Councilman Beauchamp seconded by Councilman Mancieri it is voted to adjourn the board of license of commissioners and reconvene as the City Council.

The following persons addressed the Council: Chuck O'Neill, Brian Newton, Susan Kirwan, Richard Fagnant, Paul Niles, Thomas Dickinson, Michael Platek, Steven Pontbriand, Estelle Bubble, Shirley Robinson, Dennis Desaulniers, Leo Marcoux, Charles Lemoine and Eugene Jalette.

Upon motion of Councilman Jalette seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the minutes of the regular meeting held July

6th, special meeting held July 9th, special/emergency meeting held July 10th, special meeting held July 13th and special meeting held July 20th, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Upon motion of Councilman Jalette seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the consent agenda be approved as submitted, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

The following items were listed on the consent agenda:

15 CO 56 A communication from Planning Board Chairman regarding Consolidated Plan 2015-2019 & Annual Plan with the 2012 Woonsocket Comprehensive Plan.

15 CO 57 A communication from Planning Board Chairman regarding response and request for advice and recommendations to amend the definition of lot coverage to include impervious surfaces.

15 CO 58 A communication from Police Chief submitting quarterly animal control division report.

15 CO 59 From Planning & Development Director regarding vacant property list.

15 CO 60 A communication from Planning & Development regarding response and request for advice and recommendation to amend

comprehensive plan future land use map, zoning ordinance amendment changing Plat 10, Lots 13, 18, 22, 28, 47, 128, 274, 291, 369 and 377 from R-4 to MU-1.

15 CO 61 A communication from Planning Board Chairman regarding response and request for advice and recommendations to include I-1 in design review overlay district and prohibiting trucking terminal use in MS-2 and I-1 Districts.

15 CO 62 A communication from Planning & Development Director regarding amendment to Zoning Ordinance of the City of Woonsocket, Woonsocket Downtown Overlay District.

15 CO 63 A communication from Planning & Development Director regarding request for amendment to Ordinance 15 O 42.

15 CO 64 A communication from Planning & Development Director regarding property ownership of NeighborWorks, etc.

15 CO 65 A communication from City Solicitor regarding 400 Alysworth Avenue (WACTC).

15 CO 66 A communication from City Solicitor regarding request to pay property damage claim of Jillian Pare,

15 CO 67 A communication from City Solicitor regarding request to

pay property damage claim of Tony Gill.

15 CO 68 A communication from City Solicitor regarding request to pay property damage claim of Diane Frenette, Castle Luncheonette, 420 Social Street.

15 CO 69 Opinion of City Solicitor regarding claim of Anthony Martinelli.

15 CP 38 Claim of Anthony Martinelli against the City for property damage.

15 LC 22 Application of Blake's Tavern to transfer Class BV license from 350 River Street to 1075 Park Avenue, which was advertised for hearing on this date, is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the transfer be granted, however the motion is defeated on a 4-3 roll call vote with Councilors Beauchamp, Mancieri and Murray voting yes.

15 LC 23 Upon motion of Councilman Jalette seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the following licenses be granted, a voice vote on same being unanimous: 1 application for tattoo license, 1 application for Class F & entertainment license, 1 application for entertainment license, 13 applications for renewal of coin-operate machine license, 3 applications for holiday license,7

applications for private detective license, 2 applications for quarterly entertainment licenses and 2 applications for 2nd class victualing license.

15 CP 39 A request of Councilman Gendron to address the following items: Budgets FY 2015 and FY 2016, FY 2016 tax bills, wastewater interjurisdictional agreements, civilian dispatch and school superintendent.

Upon motion of Councilman Beauchamp seconded by Councilman Mancieri it is voted to dispense with the regular order of business and take the following:

15 R 89 A resolution authorizing the entering into of one year leases for the storage of equipment and vehicles from the Woonsocket Water Division is read by title, and

A motion is made by Councilman Beauchamp seconded by Councilman Mancieri that the resolution be passed, however, before this is voted on

Upon motion of Councilman Beauchamp seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the resolution be amended as follows: “replace \$100,000 to read \$23,400 per year”, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

15 CP 40 A request of Council President Brien to address the following items: zoning, 5 plus 5 tax abatement plan, WHA and tax bills.

15 CP 41 A request of Michael Platek to address the council regarding the RISE Mayoral Academy was removed.

The following remarks are made under good and welfare:

Councilman Beauchamp thanked parents who testified in favor of charter school. He stated that he appreciated Mr. Dickinson's comments. He addressed Mr. Marcoux regarding lanes at Highland Industrial Park

President Brien disagrees with Councilman Beauchamp regarding RISE Mayoral Academy based on use allowance. He spoke about revamping of roadway into Highland Industrial Park. He addressed North Smithfield building their own wastewater treatment plant.

Councilman Gendron passed.

Councilman Jalette passed.

Councilman Mancieri addressed Finance Director regarding paying tax bills on line such as direct banking credit as another option.

Councilman Moreau congratulated Dr. McGee. He stated that he stopped by to review civilian dispatch and invites others to do the same. He asked who is the facility director to get new speakers for Harris Hall.

Councilwoman Murray congratulated Dr. McGee. She also wanted to note that there was an article in the paper that stated she was against education; which is not true.

15 O 45 ER Appropriation ordinance of the City of Woonsocket for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 ending June 30, 2016 s read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Mancieri seconded by Councilman Beauchamp it is voted that the ordinance be passed, a roll call vote on same being 4-3 with Councilors Gendron, Jalette and Brien voting no.

15 O 46 ER Directing the assessment and collection of a tax by the City of Woonsocket upon real estate, excise and tangible personal property for fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 is read by title, and

A motion is made by Councilman Beauchamp seconded by Councilwoman Murray that the ordinance be passed, however, before this is voted on

Upon motion of Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilman Beauchamp it is voted to amend the ordinance as follows: Delete the July 10, 2015 amendment “Amend first quarterly installment to be due by July 31st with additional ten (10 day extension” and in its place insert to be due by “August 17, 2015”, a roll call vote on same being unanimous. The ordinance, as amended, is then voted on and passed on a 4-3 roll call vote with Councilors Gendron, Jalette Brien voting no.

15 O 47 An ordinance transferring funds (Public Works Department) is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Jalette seconded by Councilwoman Murray it is voted that the transfer be granted, a roll call vote on same being unanimous.

A motion is made by President Brien seconded by Councilwoman Murray to remove from table Ordinances 15 O 50 & 15 O 51, roll call vote on same being unanimous.

15 O 50 An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 2 entitled “Administration” of the Code of Ordinances is read by title, and

A motion is made by Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilman Beauchamp that the ordinance be passed for the first time, however,

before this is voted on

Upon motion of Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilwoman Murray it is voted to amend as follows: In Section 1 b. delete “Town Council” and in its place insert “City Council”. The amendment is voted on and passed unanimously on a roll call vote. The ordinance, as amended, is then voted on to table, on a unanimous roll call vote.

15 O 51 An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17 entitled “Traffic” of the Code of Ordinances, City of Woonsocket is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Mancieri seconded by Councilman Moreau it is voted that the ordinance be passed for the first time, a roll call vote on same being unanimous.

15 R 79 A resolution authorizing the settlement of certain claims of Ocean State Power, which was tabled at the meeting of July 20, 2015 is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilwoman Murray it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being 6-1 with President Brien voting no.

15 R 82 A resolution renaming River Island Park as “River Island Art Park” is read by title, and

A motion is made by Councilman Mancieri seconded by Councilwoman Murray that the resolution be passed, however the resolution was tabled to September 8, 2015, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

15 R 83 A resolution authorizing the City Council to appeal decisions by the City of Woonsocket's Zoning official to issue permits for 1 Social Street in connection with a proposed use as a school/education facility is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilman Jalette it is voted to amend the ordinance as follows: In Section 1 replace "Council President" and insert in its place "Donoghue Barrett & Singal, P.C., a roll call vote on same being 5-1 with Councilman Beauchamp voting no, however, before this is voted upon

Upon motion of Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilwoman Murray it is voted to amend the ordinance as follows: In Section 1 (b) place "affirm" with "determine" and remove "not", a roll call vote on same being 5-1 with Councilman Beauchamp voting no. The ordinance, as amended, is then voted on and passed on a 5-1 vote with Councilman Beauchamp voting no. Councilman Mancieri recused himself from discussion and vote on this resolution.

15 R 84 A resolution authorizing the cancellation of certain taxes is

read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Beauchamp seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

15 R 85 A resolution suspending 5 + 5 tax abatement program for residential properties is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Jalette seconded by Councilwoman Murray it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same

15 R 86 A resolution establishing a tree advisory board for the City of Woonsocket is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Mancieri seconded by Councilman Beauchamp it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

15 R 87 A resolution granting permission to use city property is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Beauchamp seconded by Councilors Gendron and Murray it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

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Upon motion of Councilman Beauchamp seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

15 R 89 A resolution authorizing the entering into a one year lease for the storage of equipment and vehicles for the Woonsocket Water Division is read by title, and

A motion is made by Councilman Beauchamp seconded by Councilman Mancieri that the resolution be passed, and

Upon motion of Councilman Beauchamp seconded by Councilman Mancieri it is voted that the resolution be amended as follows:

15 R 90 A resolution awarding a license and service agreement for the City of Woonsocket website is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Mancieri seconded by Councilwoman Murray it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

15 R 91 A resolution authorizing the acceptance of a portion of land to extend Carriere Avenue in the City of Woonsocket is read by title,

and

Upon motion of Councilman Beauchamp seconded by Councilman Mancieri it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Upon motion of Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilman Beauchamp it is voted that the meeting be and it is hereby adjourned at 11:07 P.M.

Attest: Christina Harmon-Duarte City Clerk